IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended):An article comprising:

a machine-readable medium having instructions that when executed by a ~~processor~~ machine cause the ~~step of~~machine to:

~~associating~~associate first image data and first method as part of an image object, the first method for being executed by an abstract machine to obtain first translated image data based upon the first image, and

associate second image data with the first method as part of the object, the first method for being executed by the abstract machine to obtain second translated image data based upon the second image data.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended):   The article of claim 1 wherein the machine readable medium further comprises instructions that when executed by the ~~processor~~ machine cause the ~~further step of~~machine to:

~~associating~~associate second image data and second method as part of a second object, the second method for being executed by the abstract machine to obtain second translated image data based upon the second image data.

Claim 4 (Original):   The article of claim 1 wherein the first translated data is in the same format as the first data.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended):   An article comprising

a machine-readable medium having instructions that when executed by a ~~processor~~machine cause the ~~steps of~~machine to:

~~configuring~~configure a data processing system to receive first and second objects from first and second imaging devices, respectively, the objects having first and second image data and corresponding methods; and

~~an abstract machine executing~~ execute the corresponding methods of each
object by an abstract machine to obtain first and second translated image data based
upon the first and second image data, respectively.

Claim 6 (Original):   The article of claim 5 wherein the first and second translated
image data are in the same image file format.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended):   A method comprising:
transferring an image object having first image data associated with a first
method to a processing system; ~~and~~
an abstract machine in said processing system executing the first method for
generating first translated image data based upon the first image data,
transferring a second object having second image data associated with a second
method to the processing system, the first and second image data being in different
formats; and
the abstract machine executing the second method generating second translated
image data based upon the second image data, the first and second translated image
data being in the same format.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Original):   The method of claim 7 further comprising:
transferring second image data associated with the first method to the processing
system; and
the abstract machine executing the first method generating second translated
image data based upon the second image data, the first and second translated image
data being in the same format.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended):   An imaging device comprising:

image sensor for generating sensor data; ~~and~~

a first memory for storing an image object having first image data being related to the sensor data and first image method for being executed by an abstract machine to obtain translated first image data based upon the first image data,

a processor;

second memory having instructions that when executed by the processor cause processing the sensor data into the first image data, and

an interface to a communication medium for transferring the first image data and the first method to a processing system separate from the imaging device, the processing system being configured with said abstract machine.

Claim 11 (Original): The imaging device of claim 10 wherein the first image data is the sensor data.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended):   The imaging device of claim ~~12~~11 wherein the processing comprises performing an image processing methodology on the sensor data.

Claim 14 (Original): The imaging device of claim 10 further comprising:

logic circuitry for processing the sensor data into the first image data.

Claim 15 (Original): The imaging device of claim 14 wherein the logic circuitry performs a color interpolation algorithm on the sensor data.

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Original): The imaging device of claim 10 wherein the image object comprises a TIFF file, the TIFF file comprising the first image data and the first image method.

Claim 18 (Original): The imaging device of claim 10 wherein the translated first image data is part of an image file being in the Device Independent Bitmap (DIB) format.

Claim 19 (Original): The imaging device of claim 10 wherein the first image data and the translated first image data have the same image file format.

Claim 20 (Original): A data processing system comprising:
a processor;
memory coupled to the processor and having instructions that when executed by the processor cause the steps of
configuring the system to receive first and second objects from first and second imaging devices, respectively, each object having image data and a corresponding method; and
an abstract machine executing the corresponding method of each object to obtain corresponding translated data based upon the image data.

Claim 21 (Original): The system of claim 20 wherein
the translated data are part of first and second image files having the same image file format.

Claim 22 (New): A method comprising:
transferring an image object having first image data associated with a first method to a processing system;
an abstract machine in said processing system executing the first method for generating first translated image data based upon the first image data,
transferring second image data associated with the first method to the processing system; and
the abstract machine executing the first method generating second translated image data based upon the second image data, the first and second translated image data being in the same format.